



Happy 100th Birthday, National Park Service! Let's Celebrate.



GUESS WHO'S HAVING A BIRTHDAY?

THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE TURNS 100 YEARS OLD IN 2016, AND WE ARE INVITING EVERYONE TO CELEBRATE AND "FIND YOUR PARK."



Find a Park Adventure Near You!

With more than 400 National Park Service sites across America, there are plenty of places to visit, explore, enjoy, and protect.

National Park Service sites are located in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

- Do you have a favorite park? What state is your favorite park located in? What types of things are in the park?

- List a national park that you have visited. Can you find it on the map? List a national park that you would like to visit.

- What state would you visit if you wanted to see sea turtles; a lighthouse; mountains; a totem pole?
Fill in the name below.

- Mark your hometown on the map with a star. Circle the national park nearest you. Fill in their name below.

To learn more about national parks, you can visit: www.nps.gov/kids, findyourpark.com, or everykidinapark.gov.

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The Story of America

The story of our national parks is the story of America. They are more than scenic and recreation sites. National parks protect places that are important to our country, tell the stories about our people, and help to define who we are.

Find the words that relate to the National Park Service.

Cesar Chavez
Manzanar
Gullah Geechee Culture
Stonewall Inn
Cane River Creole
Blue Ridge Music Trail
Crazy Horse
Immigration

Presidential Libraries
Statue of Liberty
Tuskegee Airmen
Industrial Heritage
Women's Rights
Buffalo Soldiers
Trail of Tears
Thomas Edison
Fort Union
Battlefields
Civil Rights Movement
Rosie the Riveter



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Places of Inspiration

Stars glimmering over your campsite, the call of loons along the shores of Lake Superior, visiting the spiritual homelands of the Navajo and Cheyenne, or bathing in the healing waters at Hot Springs National Park; these are all part of the national park experience.

National Parks are important – not just because of the things they protect, but because of how they affect us. National parks can provide respite from our daily lives, renew and inspire us in many ways.

Find a place in a park, or your school yard, or neighborhood that inspires you. Close your eyes and focus on the sounds and scents around you. When you open your eyes, notice the small details – a drop of dew, the light on a blade of grass, the sounds of birds in a tree.

**On a piece of paper,
draw a picture or write a poem or haiku
to express your thoughts.
Make sure to share it with someone.**



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Joining in has never been more fun!

Whether you have a day, a year or a lifetime to give, there are many fun ways to join in and help your national parks.

Match the statements on the left with the words on the right to learn how you can get involved with the National Park Service.

1. Getting all 4th graders and their families to experience public lands.
2. National Park Service asks America to _____.
3. Kids can interview rangers, complete games and activities, explore and learn about national park sites, and earn a badge.
4. A national contest where students enter projects related to a historical topic.
5. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts can earn a badge or certificate by volunteering or attending a ranger activity.
6. Doctors prescribe outdoor activities because they believe that time spent in nature is good for your health.
7. When you offer to do something to help care for your national parks, you _____.

- ☐ National History Day
- ☐ Volunteer
- ☐ National Park Prescription Program
- ☐ Scout Ranger
- ☐ Find Your Park
- ☐ Every Kid in a Park
- ☐ Junior Ranger

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3. Junior Ranger Program;
4. National History Day; 5. Scout Ranger Program;
6. National Park Prescription Program; 7. Volunteer



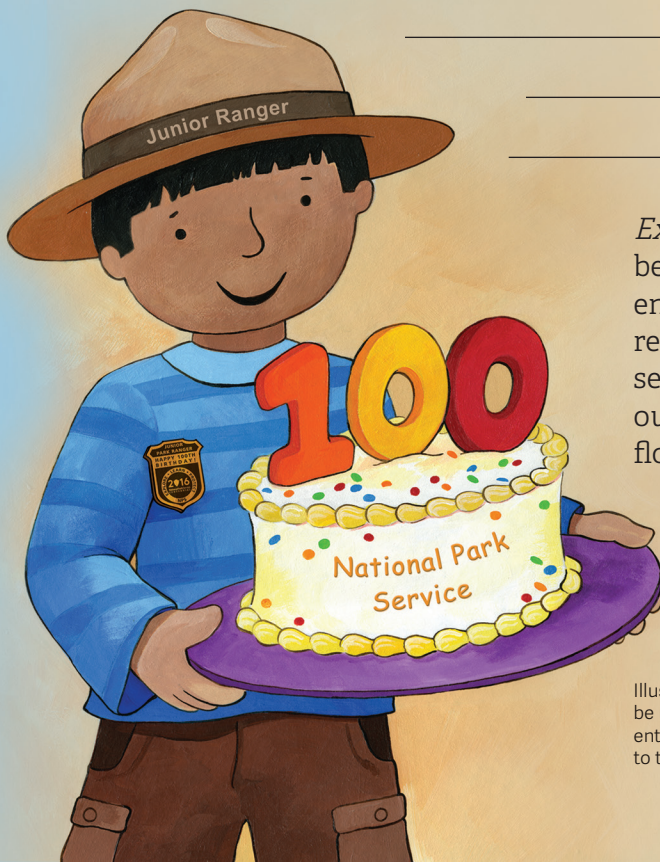
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Little Things that Make a Big Difference

A pledge is a solemn promise or agreement to do or refrain from doing something. Think about the Pledge of Allegiance and other examples and think about why people make pledges. Then, take some time to write your own pledge that includes two or three things that you can do to help protect our parks in the next 100 years.

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Examples of a pledge might be: I promise to do my best to keep our environment free from litter and trash; enjoy and protect the night sky by using light responsibly; help preserve the legacy of freedom seekers and all who have fought hard for freedom; help our pollinator friends by planting pollinator friendly flowers in my garden; or be more active and healthy.

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